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EXAMINER INITIALS		PATENT NO.	DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
/DE/	A	266,632	10/1882	McCormick			
	B	1,756,670	4/29/30	Treat			
	C	2,246,495	6/41	Alessi et al.			
	D	3,851,359	12/74	Wilson			
	E	4,044,429	8/77	Wagner			
	F	4,346,869	8/82	MacNeill			
	G	4,390,019	6/83	LeVeen et al.			
	H	4,430,997	2/84	DiGiovanni et al.			
↓	I	4,835,824	6/89	Durham, et al.			

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/DE/	J	EP 0 748 614 A	12/18/96	EP			

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US 2002/0082621 dated June 2002 to Schurr, et al.

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/DE/	A	4,988,355	1/91	Leveen et al.			
	B	5,022,126	6/91	Davis			
	C	5,049,153	9/91	Nakao et al.			
	D	5,099,827	3/92	Melzer et al.			
↓	E	5,159,730	11/92	Radvin			

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/DE/		US 2002/0068935 dated June 2002 to Koretenbach et al.
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/DE/	A	5,269,804	12/93	Bales et al.			
	B	5,312,434	5/94	Crainich			
	C	5,354,312	10/94	Brinkerhoff et al.			
	D	5,361,463	11/94	Revis			
	E	5,383,880	1/95	Hooven			

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/DE/	A	5,425,737	6/95	Burbank et al.			
↓	B	5,474,570	12/95	Kockerling et al.			
	C	5,575,802	11/96	McQuilkin et al.			

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/DE/	US 2003/0014065 dated January 2003 to Osterlind
/DE/	"What Endoscopic Accessories Do We Really Need?", C. Paul Swain, Erging Technologies in Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Gastrointest. Endosc., Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 313-330 (April 1997)
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/DE/	A	5,657,519	8/97	Smith			
	B	5,707,392	1/98	Kortenbach			
	C	5,716,374	2/98	Francesce et al.			
↓	D	5,769,857	6/98	Reztzov et al.			
	E	5,775,345	7/98	Chou			

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/DE/	Kosmahl, Edmund; University of Scanton – Department of Physical Therapy; http://academic.uofs.edu/faculty/kosmahl1/courses/pt245/levicep.htm ; 2000; pages 1 and 1-3		
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/DE/	A	5,865,724	2/99	Palmer et al.			
	B	5,871,488	2/99	Tovey et al.			
	C	5,891,156	4/99	Gessner et al.			
	D	5,897,562	4/27/99	Bolanos et al.			
↓	E	5,937,488	8/99	Geiger			

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/DE/	US2001/0056282 dated December 27, 2001 to Sonnenschein et al.		
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/DE/	A	6,013,095	1/00	Ouchi			
↓	B	6,129,683	10/00	Sutton et al.			
↓	C	6,139,555	10/00	Hart et al.			

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/DE/	A	6,162,233	12/00	Williamson et al.			
	B	6,238,414	5/01	Griffiths			
	C	6,269,819	8/01	Oz et al.			
	D	6,387,041	5/02	Harai et al.			
	E	6,425,900	7/02	Knodel et al.			
	F	6,569,085	5/03	Kortenbach et al.			
	G	6,560,488	5/03	Crawford			
	H	6,578,759	6/03	Ortiz			
↓	I	6,824,548	11/04	Smith et al.			

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/DE/	A	6,843,794	1/05	Sixto, Jr. et al.			
	B	6,945,979	9/05	Kortenbach et al.			
	C	7,090,685	8/06	Kortenbach et al.			
↓	D	7,070,602	7/06	Smith et al.			
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/DE/	A	4,512,345	4/85	Green			
	B	4,844,066	7/89	Stein			
	C	5,100,420	3/92	Green et al.			
	D	5,207,692	5/93	Kraus et al.			
	E	5,318,528	6/94	Heaven et al.			
	F	5,439,156	8/95	Grant et al.			
	G	5,501,693	3/96	Gravener			
	H	5,624,379	4/97	Ganz et al.			
	I	5,792,165	8/98	Klieman et al.			
	J	6,352,503	3/02	Matsui et al.			
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